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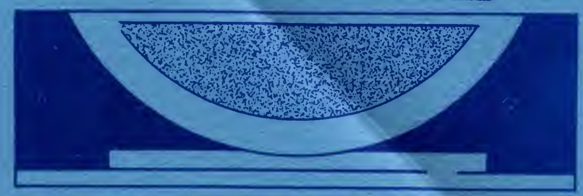
Watergate, eavesdropping, scandals, indictments, Vietnam, Cambodia, domino, unemployment, crime, recession, Jew, Arab, energy crisis, oil, urban decay, pollution, taxation, relief----the list is endless.

But, for a brief moment, commencement is like the eye of a hurricane, a respite, a moment to catch your breath, a renewal of the spirit when we give credit to our offspring; our charges who have now reached another plateau--from childhood to adulthood.

We listen to their speeches, honor their achievements, reflect on their potential, envy their "beginning," resent their youth, photograph their march, cry at their name being called.

Since time began, we acclaim graduates for having reached that step toward responsibility. We wonder if they are ready; if we could have or should have done more, asked for more, demanded more of them....for the future is in their hands.

FACULTY BOWL



The faculty bowl award of Colonia Senior High School was established as an annual recognition of that member of the graduating class who, in the judgement of the faculty, has contributed the most and the best to the life-blood of the school, to the undying glory of Alma Mater. Traits of character, the self disciplines of cooperation, leadership and service, and scholarship are the fused elements of a composite criterion of selection.

ACADEMIC DRESS

The wearing of academic dress dates back to the early days of the oldest universities in the world. The American Universities established the academic dress some 60 years ago as a means of distinguishing the Bachelors, Masters and Doctorates and at the same time to credit the university which has given them the degree.

The Bachelor's gown has pointed sleeves, worn closed. The hood is 36 inches in length.

The Master's gown has oblong sleeves, open at the wrist. The rear part of its oblong shape is square cut and front part has an arc cut away. The hood is 42 inches in length.

The Doctor's gown has bell shaped sleeves and is usually of rayon or silk ribbed material. The hood is 48 inches in length.

All hoods are lined in silk in the academic color or colors (chevrons) of the institution conferring the degree. The binding or edge of the hood is usually of velvet designating the subject. Some of the colors are: biege, Fine Arts; white, Arts and Letters; lemon, Library Services; green, Medicine; light blue, Education; blue, Philosophy; gold, Science.

Black mortarboards are worn for all degrees.

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Honor, Faith and Loyalty,
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To your fame and history.

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And we raise our colors high
You will always be our guardian
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